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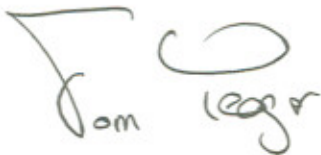
Dear Mr. Tolley,

For those of us who regularly travel the Seward Highway between Anchorage and Girdwood, this remarkable stretch of road is, unfortunately, much more than just a Scenic Byway. It is also a progression of specific corners and straight-aways that are haunted by the memories of an intolerable number of traffic accidents, some of which claimed the lives of friends and loved ones.

Surely the process for establishing priorities for funding highway improvements must take into consideration public safety. The Seward Highway, statistically the deadliest highway in Alaska, would seem to any reasonable person to be one of the highest priorities in the State. It was particularly disturbing, therefore, to learn that funding for improvements to the Seward Highway was recently dropped from the State Transportation Improvement Plan.

Please help stop this needless carnage and do whatever necessary to return the Seward Highway improvements to the STIP.

Thank you,



Tom Yeager
Girdwood resident

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